

EXPERT SUPPORT FOR QATAR GREEN BUILDING CONFERENCE GROWING AS KEY SPONSORS ANNOUNCED

ASTAD Project Management Signs Up To Qatar Green Building Council's Flagship Annual Conference To Ensure Long-lasting Green Legacy For Nation

Doha, Qatar, 10 March 2015: Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), has unveiled an impressive first round of sponsors for its inaugural annual conference on 27 and 28 April.

The Qatar Green Building Conference, which will be held at Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), supports Qatar Foundation's commitment to promote green best practice and ensure environmentally sustainable infrastructure to enable the successful long-term delivery of the Qatar National Vision 2030.

ASTAD Project Management, a strategic joint venture with Qatar Foundation, has signed up as the conference's first of two Gold Sponsors. Sustainability and care for green buildings scores high on ASTAD's agenda in providing project management services for infrastructure and buildings in Qatar.

Qatar Electricity and Water Company (QEWC), the first private sector company in the region engaged in the generation of electricity and desalination of water with sustainability as the core of its corporate social responsibility efforts, has come on board as the Silver Sponsor.

Qatar Cool will support the Qatar Green Building Conference as the official Bronze Sponsor. Qatar Cool provides district cooling services to the public, commercial and industrial sectors in Qatar with sustainability, health and safety given considerable importance.

Msheireb Properties, a real estate development company and a subsidiary of Qatar Foundation, is welcomed as the Lunch Sponsor. Msheireb Properties is creating a culture of urban living and improving the overall quality of life through innovation, social interaction and environmental sustainability.

Welcoming these prestigious organisations to the event roster, Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, Director of QGBC, said: "These sponsorships demonstrate the support of prestigious national institutions for the Qatar Green Building Conference, and the commitment to environmental sustainability of their leaders.

"The conference will address critical debates on sustainability in Qatar and beyond, so this strong early response is a positive indication of corporate social responsibility commitment in Qatar, and the potential collective impact over this event. Qatar Green Building Council is

leading the debate on sustainability in Qatar and is bridging the gap between theory and implementation of industry best practice to help deliver a green legacy for Qatar.”

Sheikh Soud Khalifa S Al Thani, Sustainability Manager at ASTAD Project Management, added: “Sustainability and consideration for the environment is becoming an increasingly important factor around the world, in Qatar, and especially for ASTAD.

“Projects we are delivering are becoming ever more ambitious and with more stringent requirements when it comes to sustainable practice. I am very keen to be able to participate in the Qatar Green Building Conference where we can discuss, evaluate, and improve our implementation and requirements in this area across the nation.”

The Qatar Green Building Conference promotes Qatar’s commitment to sustainable practices and environmental protection in the nation’s transition from a carbon- to knowledge-based economy. The Conference will address key sustainability topics around four themes including Future Sustainable Cities, Retrofitting Doha, Passivhaus in the Middle East North Africa Region, Carbon Footprinting and Qatar’s National Vision.

Registration for the Qatar Green Building Conference is open at www.qgbconference.com to interested applicants from various industries including academia, urban planning, sustainability, green buildings, architecture, construction and engineering.

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About Qatar Green Building Council

Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) is a non-profit, membership-driven organization providing leadership and encouraging collaboration in conducting environmentally sustainable practices for green building design and development in Qatar. QGBC also aims to support the overall health and sustainability of the environment, the people, and economic security in Qatar for generations to come. The council, a member of Qatar Foundation, was formally established in 2009 by a decree signed by H.H. Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser and is helping Qatar on its journey to establish a post-hydrocarbon, knowledge economy and progressive society. Through QGBC, Qatar joins a network of 80 countries that run active national green building councils under the umbrella of the World Green Building Council.

QGBC’s members include, representatives from government, real estate developers, investors, facilities managers, consultants, constructors, manufacturers & suppliers, oil & gas, professional firms, financial services, telecom/technology, academia, NGOs & media.

QGBC is setting up operations from its HQ, organising awareness events, knowledge seminars, training, forums, and networking sessions with the like-minded. To learn more visit www.qatargbc.org.